

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

TO THE FALMOUTH AND TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1965.

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FALMOUTH & TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The usual beginning of my annual report was "I have great pleasure in presenting". This year it must be with regret in presenting my final annual report for 1965. I must admit it is with genuine regret, because I have enjoyed for 21 years being your Port Medical Officer of Health.

The report is made in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health.

From the Port Medical aspect nothing of a serious nature has occurred. There was one case of notifiable disease. A case of "Open" Pulmonary Tuberculosis was found in an Asiatic seaman on the S.S.Dunera anchored at King Harry Ferry. He was admitted to Tehidy Hospital and has made satisfactory progress.

All the officers, and their families, and all other members of the crew were X-rayed at the Mobile clinic in Falmouth. All were given satisfactory clearances.

The Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, was given all necessary information of this report last January before it was requested. I received a letter of appreciation from the new Assistant Medical Officer who explained that notifications had not been sent out owing to the sudden death of his predecessor.

During the year I have boarded 17 vessels to attend and land for treatment in Hospital sick and injured men - 22 cases in all. These are as follows -

1965

Jan.	15	MARIE LOUISE	German	2 crew.
	17	METHANE PIONEER	British	3 stretcher cases in abominable weather.
	18	FOKKE DE JONGH	Dutch	Sick Master.
	21	MOOSE JAN	Canadian-Pacific	Carpenter - crushed hand.
	31	T.SLEFOLKE	Norwegian	Radio Officer - Heart.
June	17	BRITISH QUEEN	British	Master - Heart.
	19	NOTTINGHAM	British	Crew - acute appendicitis.
	28	ANCO SEA	Norwegian	Crew - 2 dead.
July	12	BULLFINCH	Admiralty C/S	Crew - Pleurisy and Bronchitis.
	31	S.S.TALAMBA	British	3rd Mate - Sc.App. & Perit.
Aug.	4	KELLETIA	Dutch Shell	Master/C.Off. & 2 men.
Sept.	6	S.S.MOEMI	Lebonese	Stce.Chinese - Asthma.
Oct.	26	PELAGOS	Norwegian	Officer-Acute retention.
	27	MARIE LEONHARDT	German	U.S.A.Passenger - Hernia.
Nov.	23	BRITISH ENGINEER	British	1 Crew Dead - Coroner.
	23	BRITISH ENGINEER	British	1 Crew - Bronchitis.
Dec.	3	M.V.RHON	East German	1 Crew - Head injury.

17 Visits

22 Landed.





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No complaints of a serious nature were made by your Health Inspector, Mr.Jackett.

The following details are in tabulated form and represent the work carried out during the year on behalf of this Authority.

Finally may I once more express my appreciation of the help and co-operation of your Inspector, Mr.Jackett, and say how sorry I am to "Pack in before he has".

My thanks again to the Pilots, H.M.Customs Officers and all who helped me to carry out my work on your behalf.

I remain,

Mr.Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. CECIL DICK



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# I. STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
D. HALL	Clerk	21 February, 1952	-	Town Clerk, Falmouth.
J. ODGERS	Treasurer	1 April, 1964	-	Manager, Lloyds Bank, Falmouth.
A. C. DICK	Port Medical Officer of Health	2 February, 1945	M. R. C. S. Eng. L. R. C. P. Lond.	-
H. R. T. DEVLIN	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health	1 April, 1955	M. B., B. Ch., Dublin	-
F. JACKETT	Port Health Inspector	1 October, 1940	Cert. R. San. I.	-

Address and telephone number of ) 17 Boscawen Road, Falmouth.  
the Medical Officer of Health } Tel. Falmouth, 4226.





II. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT  
DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	347	810,352	4	206	-
Coastwise	692	838,438	4	539	-
Total	1,039	1,648,790	8	745	-

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### III. CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic .....	(Number of passengers INWARDS Nil (Number of passengers OUTWARDS Nil
Cargo Traffic {	( Principal IMPORTS General cargo, including food produce, coal, cement, timber, oil and petroleum spirit. ( Principal EXPORTS None.

PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive :-

Amsterdam, Antwerp, Curacao, Cherbourg, Dieppe, Gibraltar,  
Hampton Roads, Halifax N.S., Hamburg, Oslo, Rotterdam,  
Rouen, Stockholm.

Approximately 75% of vessels arrive from  
Scandinavian, Continental and United Kingdom Ports  
for dry docking after discharging cargo abroad.

#### IV. INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no Barge traffic in the Port.

#### V. WATER SUPPLY

##### Source of supply

- (a) The district - The drinking water of the district is  
obtained from the Falmouth Corporation's  
reservoirs in the Parishes of Budock  
and Mabe.
- (b) Shipping - As for the district. Water from the  
district supply is available alongside  
and is delivered to shipping afloat.

##### Reports of tests for contamination

Samples are taken regularly by the Falmouth Corporation and  
tested by the Public Analyst.

##### Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes

The Authority have no jurisdiction over shore premises or  
equipment.

Vessels are supplied with fresh water from the Falmouth  
Corporation's Water-boat and from hydrants on the quayside.

Hydrants and hosepipes are thoroughly flushed out before  
water is discharged into the water-boat or into ships' water  
storage tanks.





## Number and Sanitary Condition of Water-boats, and powers of Control by the Authority

There is one water-boat operating in the Port. This is owned by the Falmouth Corporation, is of modern construction and is in excellent sanitary condition. The vessel is periodically inspected. Control of the water-boat in so far as any statutory nuisance might exist thereon would be dealt with under Part III of the Public Health Act, 1936, which has been applied to the Joint Board.

## VI. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952 to 1963

### List of Infected Areas

The list of infected areas is prepared from information supplied by the World Health Organisation in the Weekly Record of Quarantinable Diseases.

The lists are typed and copies supplied by hand to H.M. Customs Waterguard, H.M. Immigration Officer and the Pilots.

Whenever areas are removed from the list those concerned are notified of the deletions which should be made. In the event of further infected areas being added, a completely new list of infected areas is supplied.

### Radio Messages

The Port is not a radio transmitting port. Radio telegrams from Masters of vessels are received principally from the Land's End Radio Station.

### Notification otherwise than by radio

Information about ships which require the attention of the Port Medical Officer is telephoned by H.M. Customs Waterguard Officers to the Port Medical Officer.

### Mooring Stations

A mooring station has been established in the Dock area alongside No. 7 Wharf and outside the Dock area alongside a buoy at St. Just Pool.

### Hospital Accommodation for Infectious Diseases

All cases of infectious diseases, other than smallpox, can be admitted to the County Isolation Hospital at Truro.

### Surveillance and follow up of contacts

Notices are sent to Medical Officers of the Districts concerned when contacts leave the Port. Prepaid Reply Cards are issued in certain cases in which contacts are required to





notify any further changes of address. Contacts remaining within the Port District are under the supervision of the Port Medical Officer during the period of surveillance.

Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles

All ships' quarters which have been occupied by cases or suspected cases of infectious disease are disinfected by the Port Health Inspector.

The disinfection of persons, clothing and other articles is carried out at the County Isolation Hospital at Truro.

VII. SMALLPOX

All cases or suspected cases of smallpox may be sent to Smallpox Isolation Hospital, Nr.Liskeard, Cornwall.

Ambulances for the transport of such cases would be supplied by the Cornwall County Council who are also responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crew.

The Smallpox consultant available is for the whole area South Western Region -

Dr.W.H.St.John-Brooke,  
West Cornwall Hospital,  
Penzance.

Telephone Penzance 2382.

(Home) Cockwells 356.

Specimens for laboratory diagnosis would be sent to The Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9. (Telephone Colindale 7041).

VIII. VENEREAL DISEASE

Cases of Venereal Disease are treated at the Falmouth and District Hospital and the Royal Cornwall Hospital (City) at Truro by Dr.E.R.Hargreaves, the County Venerealogist. Clinics are held as follows -

Falmouth - Saturday .....10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Truro - Wednesday .....2 - 3.30 p.m.





IX. CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS  
DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	1	1

X. OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF  
MALARIA IN SHIPS

No case of Malaria has been observed during the past year.

XI. MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED  
WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

No ships infected with or suspected for plague have arrived during the past year.

XII. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS  
FROM FOREIGN PORTS

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats

Vessels are boarded by the Port Health Inspector as soon as possible after arrival, and unless the Masters produce recently issued certificates, inspections are extended to the holds, etc. in order to ascertain the rat population. Where indications of rat infestation are found traps are set and poison baits are laid, and in cases where the deratting certificate has expired and indications of rodent infestation are found, the vessel is ordered to be fumigated.

(2) Arrangements for the Bacteriological or  
Pathological Examination of Rodents

Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examination of rodents at the Royal City Hospital,



Pathological Department, Truro.

No rodents have been sent for examination during the year.

(3) Arrangements for deratting ships and methods used

Deratting of ships is normally carried out entirely by fumigation by hydrogen cyanide. The work is carried out by a commercial contractor, Fumigation Services Ltd. of London.

(4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships

Vessels are found to be largely rat-proof. No additional rat-proofing was provided on vessels at the Port during the year.

TABLE E  
RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE  
YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN  
PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	-
Brown rats	-
Sent for examination	-
Infected with plague	-





TABLE F  
DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES  
ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Number of Derattling Certificates issued					Number of Derattling Exemption Certificates Issued	Total Certificates Issued
After fumigation with		After trapping	After poisoning	Total		
HCN 1	Other fumigant (State method) 2	3	4	5	6	7
-	-	-	1	1	18	19





### XIII. INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G  
INSPECTION AND NOTICES

Nature and Number of inspections		Notices Served		Result of serving notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
General Inspections	745	-	28	All notices complied with.
Re-visits	1,116	-	-	-
Total	1,861	-	28	-

### XIV. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948

Samples of Oysters were obtained from the main suppliers to the Market, namely :-

Messrs.Helford Oyster Fisheries.  
Messrs.H.Johns, Flushing.  
Messrs.Gunn, Coombe, Truro.  
Mrs.Baker, Coombe, Truro.  
Mr.F.F.Vinnicombe, Mylor, Falmouth.

These were examined by the Public Health Pathologist, Royal Cornwall Infirmary and were pronounced very clean and fit for human consumption.

### XV. MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS & IMMIGANTS

#### Medical Inspectors of Aliens and Immigrants holding Warrants of Appointment

Dr.Albert Cecil Dick, Port Medical Officer of Health.

#### Other Staff

None.

#### Organisation of Work and Nature and Amount of Alien Traffic

Falmouth is an approved Port under the Aliens Order for the landing of aliens but there is little or no aliens traffic in the Port. In the event, however, of aliens arriving arrangements would be made for medical inspection to be carried out on board. It has not been thought necessary to make any special arrangements for providing accommodation for medical inspection and examination ashore.



XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

No case of death on board ship from infectious disease has occurred for many years, but in the event of such death the Authority would endeavour to secure cremation. The nearest Crematorium is at Truro.





FALMOUTH & TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1965.

SHIP INSPECTION

During the year 745 vessels were inspected and 28 of them were found to have nuisances or defects on board. Verbal and informal notices were given and as a result all the nuisances and defects were remedied. 1,861 re-visits were made to vessels in connection with these nuisances and defects and rat destruction and vessels from infected areas.

As shown in Table B 206 ships from Foreign Ports were inspected and 539 ships from Coastwise Ports, making the total of 745.

Nuisances and Defects

These consisted mainly of structural defects caused through wear and tear, defective heating apparatus, dirty, foul and defective water closets and fittings and bathrooms, choked scuppers, dirty clothes lockers, and messrooms.

Dirt, Vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health

This type of nuisance and other conditions prejudicial to health are now rare. The number of vessels dealt with during the year on account of these conditions of the crew's quarters is becoming much less than in previous years.

The disinfestation of verminous vessels is carried out by the pressure spraying of liquid insecticides. During the year 17 vessels were dealt with.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

The Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) (Vessels) Regulations,  
1958

The attention of the Masters and Engineers of vessels arriving at the Port is directed to the requirements of the Regulations.

The minimum times for observing smoke emissions vary for 30 minutes (black smoke) to 2 hours (dark smoke) and in order to implement the main purpose of the Act, visits are made to the vessels when any dark smoke is being emitted and representation made to the Officer-in-Charge. He is informed that observations is being kept and requested to make every effort to reduce the emission.







During the year 43 observations were made of smoke emissions from 23 British Ships, and 20 from foreign ships. In each case the emission was within the prescribed limits and the intensity reduced following my visit.

#### RAT DESTRUCTION

The sheds, quays and wharves are periodically visited and inspected and immediate measures are taken when fresh evidence of rats or their presence is reported. Poison baits are laid by the Docks Rodent Officer.

#### THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS (APPLICATION TO SHIPPING) ORDER, 1951, AND AMENDMENT NO. 2 ORDER, 1956

In addition to the functions they exercise, in common with other local authorities, Port Health Authorities are empowered to issue Rodent Control Certificates. The purpose of these certificates is to relieve Authorities from the necessity of inspecting coastwise vessels which are known to be free or to have been recently freed from rats and mice and the period of validity has been limited to four months.

Since the Amendment No. 2 Order came into operation authorising a charge for these Certificates, most of the vessels have preferred to pay the slight additional cost and obtain International Certificates. No certificates were issued during 1965.

#### FOOD INSPECTION FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 THE PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937 AND 1948 PRESERVATIVES IN FOOD REGULATIONS, 1962

No imported food-stuffs are discharged within the Port Health District. No action necessary.

#### THE PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED MILK REGULATIONS), 1926

No action necessary.

#### THE PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 AND 1948

There are five oyster beds in the district all separately owned. Samples of oysters have been taken from all of them and submitted for bacteriological examination and all were found to be 100% pure.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

FRANK JACKETT

Port Health Inspector



